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SUBJ: ACP COUNTRIES AGREE TO DRAFT CONVENTION OF LOME

REF: USEC BRUSSELS 0952 (REPEATED AS STATE 025807)

1. SUMMARY: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF 46 ACP COUNTRIES
CLOSED ACCRA MEETING FEB. 12 WITH RECOMMENDATION TO THEIR
GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY SIGN DRAFT LOME CONVENTION WITH EEC
ON FEB. 28. MEETING BROUGHT NO SURPRISES. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCRA WAS SITE OF 2-DAY MEETING OF MINISTERS OF AFRICAN,
CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC (ACP) COUNTRIES FEB. 11-12, PRECEDED
BY 1-DAY ACP AMBASSADOR' AND PLENIPOTENTIARIES' MEETING,
IN EFFECT SIMPLY TO RATIFY AGREEMENT REACHED AT BRUSSELS
JAN. 30-31 WITH THE EEC. TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE, THE MEETING
ADOPTED RESOLUTION IN WHICH DELEGATES "AGREE TO ADOPT THE
DRAFT ACP/EEC CONVENTION OF LOME, AND TO RECOMMEND TO
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THEIR GOVERNMENT THE SIGNATURE OF THE CONVENTIO OF

LOME ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975."

3. MEETING ESSENTIALLY TAKEN UP WITH SPEECHES, PROTOCOL SOCIAL AFFAIRS, AND VISIT TO INDUSTRIAL AREA. CHAIRMAN WAS BABACAR BA, SENEGAL MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

4. HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG, IN SPEECH TO MEETING, CONGRATULATED ACP GROUP ON ITS EXISTENCE AND COHESION, WAS GENERALLY PLEASED WITH OUTCOME ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT IN WHAT EEC WAS WILLING TO AGREE TO BOTH IN TRADE AND AID TERMS, NOTED IMPORTANCE OF DELETING "ASSOCIATE" OR "ASSOCIABLE" FROM DRAFT CONVENTION, CALLED FOR GREATER DIRECT TRADE BETWEEN ACP MEMBERS, AND SAID THE ACP "GROUP MUST BE INSTITUTIONALIZED." HE MADE BOW TO EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AND CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET, NOTED "HISTORIC DECISION" AT MONROVIA TO CONVENE SUMMIT MEETING LEADING TO ECOWAS AND "EARNEST DETERMINATION OF US ALL THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION (TO ESTABLISH ECOWAS) WOULD BE ACCEPTED AND IMPLEMENTED."

5. FEW OTHER SPEECHES REPORTED, BUT ABOVE THEMES GENERALLY REPEATED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE TO EEC CAPITALS, AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC POSTS, AND NASSAU, BRIDGETOWN, SUVA, GEORGETOWN, KINGSTON, WELLINGTON, AND PORT OF SPAIN.
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